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**Rolling.** After a successful test, Philadelphia Bike Share will roll out this spring with 600 bikes in 60 stations across the city. PAGE 02



A beta-test station for the city's new bike-share program, in the Navy Yard. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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# Bike Share ends its test runs with flying colors

**Streets.** Bike share may make Philly more bike-friendly.

Philadelphia is already the site of plenty of driver/biker conflict.

But one side may be getting reinforcements soon.

This spring, 60 stations housing 600 Philadelphia Bike Share bicycles will appear around the city.

"I can drop my daughter off, pick up a bike and head to City Hall," said Carniesha Kwashie, a grant manager for Philadelphia Bike Share at the Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities. "Taking a bike is easier than waiting for SEPTA, and I get a good workout too."

After an incident-free, two-week test in the Navy Yard where the bikes and stations remained operational despite heavy rain and freezing temperatures, the program's development team is more

optimistic than ever.

"These are invincible," said Brett Tongco, business development manager at B-Cycle, which designed the model of bicycle that Philly Bike Share will use.

The \$6 million project's funding is split 50-50 between the city and a mix of federal and foundation funding.

Rental fees have not yet been finalized. A monthly membership will cost "a few dollars a week," according to Andrew Stober, chief of staff at the Mayor's Office of Utilities and Transportation. Bikes will also be rentable with a quick swipe of a credit card at rates by the half-hour.

"This lowers the barriers for the person who hasn't gotten around to buying a bike, hasn't saved up the money, has been a little nervous about buying it," said Katie Monroe, Bike Share Outreach manager at the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. "This gets new people riding."

"Bike share can and should be a catalyst for more bike infrastructure in the city," she said.

"I'm not stressed out about it," said Monica Pasquinelli, owner of Firehouse Bicycles in West Philly. "I think if anybody finds themselves using them a lot they'd eventually break down and get a bike."

Even taxi drivers believe their business will be buoyed by the program. "In



Cyclists at the Navy Yard try out a beta-test station for the city's new bike share program. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

## The bike-sharing experience

The wide-tired, three-gear bike with high handlebars offers a smooth, comfortable ride that's easy to steer.

- The seat adjusts to suit riders from 5 to 6-feet tall.

- Brake cables and other small parts are concealed within the frame of the bike.

- The bikes are designed for use on level street terrain, not for racing or mountain biking.

Nicole Kahn, 42 said of Bike Share. "It's really stressful driving in the city — cyclists add to that."

Philadelphia Bike Share won't require riders to wear helmets, but will encourage helmet use and seek ways to provide inexpensive helmets to Bike Share members, Stober said. Ultimately riders are liable for their own safety.

A sponsor has not yet been announced for Philadelphia Bike Share. New York City has the Citibike rental program and London has Barclays Cycle Hire.

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## By the numbers

**36K**

Philadelphians who bike to work

**300K**

Philadelphians who bike once a month during summer

Source: Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia

## Bradley Stone. Cause of death unknown

Apparently, the Montgomery County Coroner and the District Attorney's officer disagree on how Bradley Stone died in the woods a half-mile from his Pennsburg home.

On Tuesday, District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferma said when police found Stone's body, physical evidence suggested he died from a self-inflicted

cutting wounds.

On Wednesday, however, Coroner Dr. Walter Hoffman told NBC10 Stone's cause of death is unclear.

Hoffman said there were no injuries to his body's center, and the only injury he sustained was a cut to the leg. He said he is awaiting toxicology reports.

**TOMMY ROWAN**

## New Jersey

### Teen assaulted during driving lesson

A 42-year-old registered Ocean County sex offender was charged with sexually assaulting a teenage girl while giving her a driving lesson.

Jason Walsh, of Bayville, New Jersey, was also charged with endangering the welfare of child, the Ocean County Prosecutor's office



The suspect is named as Jason Walsh. / PROVIDED

announced Wednesday. While further details of the incident were not released, officials said the GPS tracking device

## By the numbers

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According to officials, Walsh sexually assaulted minors he babysat over a six-year period in the mid-1980s.

Walsh is required to wear corroborated at least his physical presence at the time and location of the alleged assault. **METRO**



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Marty Overline built an oven-truck to heat bed-bug infested clothes and furniture. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

## Battle against bedbugs ramps up in off-season

### Creepy crawlers.

Bedbug complaints have gone up in every part of the city.

Marty Overline points to a crucial part of Philly's identity as the primary cause of its bedbugs problem.

"It's the row homes," said Overline, owner of Aardvark Pest Management. "So guess what?" Overline said. "If your neighbors got bedbugs, guess what you're potentially going to get?"

Two weeks ago, city

council members discussed ways to encourage more residents with an infestation to take care of the problem before the bugs spread.

The group is creating a Bedbug task force – members of which Councilman Mark Squilla said Wednesday will be announced in January – to develop a strategy and a policy to guide the city's attack.

"We need to get ahead of it," Squilla said.

For those who may currently suffer from bedbugs, Overline suggests removing clutter, vacuuming and remediate anything that carries the crawlers, which could include your bed

### Quoted

"If somebody has bedbugs and they don't want to take care of it, they don't have to take care of it." Overline

frame, mattress, couch, recliner and computer chair.

"I wouldn't waste your time in the kitchen or the basement," Overline said. "They live where we sleep or rest."



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## Mardi Gras. Mummers to strut stuff in Manayunk in February

The Mummers Parade will no longer be confined to one day a year.

Come February, about 10 of the total 17 Mummers string bands will again break out their New Year's Day best for a Mardi Gras parade down Main Street, the group announced Wednesday.

The parade, which will start at 10 a.m. and last until noon, will take place on Feb. 22.

This is the 100-year-old group's first foray into Manayunk. The group hopes the parade



Aqua String Band struts it stuff. / WIKI COMMONS

becomes a new yearly tradition.

Some of the money raised at the new February parade will help defray costs of the historic

New Year's Day tradition.

Under the redrawn route, the 2015 parade will only stretch one mile, from City Hall to South Philadelphia. **METRO**



## Orphaned. The future of Stone's two young daughters uncertain

Authorities say it's unclear whose care Bradley Stone's two now-orphaned daughters will be entrusted.

"All of the people they would have called to help navigate things like the funeral arrangements are dead," said Kevin Steele, Montgomery County First Assistant District Attorney. "But I know they are currently with family members."

Steele would not comment on whose side of the family the children were staying, or whether Stone had any extended family.

The fate of Stone's two daughters, ages 8 and 5, changed dramatically after their 35-year-old father killed their mother, five members of her immediate family, and severely injured her nephew, Anthony Flick.



Bradley Stone / FILE PHOTO

"It's going to be determined by the Family Court," Steele said. "I think everybody recognized they have a real hard road ahead."

Frank Farley, a psychologist at Temple University and former president of the American Psychological Association, said the court should first look at any extended family.

"It's usually better

to leave the kids with family rather than a foster family," said Farley. "But these are children and they need to have a happy, healthy, positive future without the baggage of the past and that is the challenge going forward."

Local radio station Word FM, the Souderton-Telford Rotary, and Unvest Foundation partnered to create the Stone & Flick Children Fund to help raise money for Stone's two surviving daughters.

The fund will also help Flick, the sole survivor of the brutal killing spree that left six of Flick's family members dead, including his mother, father and sister. The fund started with \$5,000, and donations are accepted at WordFM.org.

TOMMY ROWAN



## Hanukkah reaches Independence Hall

The menorah on Independence Mall is illuminated in observation of the Hanukkah celebration.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER

### Bucks County

## Adult charged in deadly teen driver crash

The New York man whose SUV was being driven by a 15-year-old girl when it flipped over while speeding in the Poconos, killing three teens, was charged Wednesday with

endangering the welfare of children and involuntary manslaughter, Philly.com reported.

Ryan Leshner, Cullen Keffer and Shamus Digney, all 15, died in the Labor Day weekend crash.

Authorities did not disclose whether Michael Ware, 53, of Scarsdale, New York, was related to the

driver, who did not have a license. They said Ware had previously allowed the girl to drive his car multiple times. The driver and two other passengers, a boy and a girl, survived the crash.

Neither drugs nor alcohol were a factor in the crash, the website said, citing police. **METRO**

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## Error. Johns Hopkins accidentally accepted almost 300 people

Nearly 300 students who were rejected from Johns Hopkins University last Friday were stunned to receive a chipper email days later with the subject line, "Embrace the YES!"

The 294 rejected applicants were presumably still working on embracing the "No" when they received a congratulatory email from the school on

Sunday. Johns Hopkins spokesman Dennis O'Shea confirmed in an email that the notes were sent in error.

Within hours, the school realized it had goofed and emailed students to apologize, blaming a "technical mistake." For most, the pain and confusion had already set in. **BLOOMBERG**

### Ten-month ordeal

## NH man charged with raping teen

A New Hampshire man repeatedly raped a teenage girl, binding her and using a "Taser-like" device to punish her over the 10-month period he held her in a shipping container, state prosecutors

charged in court documents on Wednesday.

Nathaniel Kibby, 34, was charged with more than 150 counts of felonious sexual assault against the victim, who was not identified but is believed to be a 15-year-old who disappeared in October 2013 from the mountain town of Conway.

**REUTERS**

# Uber reviewing safety programs for drivers



Transportation app Uber is seen on the iPhone. / REUTERS

**Safety.** Recent problems involving screening Uber drivers has surfaced.

Uber Technologies Inc. said it began an assessment of its safety programs amid mounting questions about its driver-screening process.

The San Francisco-based mobile car-booking company named former Amazon.com Inc. executive Tim Collins to lead global support, according to a blog post today by Philip Cardenas, Uber's head of global safety.

The review, started in November, will determine where greater investment in safety is required, including possible improvements in technology, background checks and incident-

response teams to offer support, Uber said.

The startup has faced criticism over the safety of its rides. Earlier this month, the company had to grapple with allegations that one of its drivers raped a woman in New Delhi.

An Uber driver was also charged in San Francisco this month for killing a 6-year-old girl crossing a city street last New Year's Eve. Critics have questioned whether safety is an Achilles' heel for Uber.

"We are reminded by the recent tragic event in India that best-in-class safety must be a constant quest," Cardenas wrote.

Uber is the most highly valued U.S. technology startup. The company raised \$1.2 billion earlier this month at a valuation of \$40 billion.

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"We owe it to all our riders, driver partners and communities around the world to examine what we can do better and then do everything we can to make more progress on safety." Cardenas

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# Anger and grief as Pakistan buries the dead students



People carry the coffin of a male student who was killed in Tuesday's attack. / REUTERS

**Toll.** The number of dead has reached 148 after the attack on the military-run Army Public School, army says.

A shocked Pakistan on Wednesday began burying 132 students killed in a grisly attack on their school by Taliban militants that has heaped pressure on the government to do more to tackle the insurgency.

People across the country lit candles and staged vigils as parents bade final farewells to their children during mass funerals in and around Peshawar, the volatile city on the edge of Pakistan's lawless tribal belt where the school was located.

Grief mixed with anger as people looked to the authorities — long accused of not being tough enough on extremists — to stem violence in a nation which has become a safe haven for al Qaeda-linked groups.

At a vigil in the capital Islamabad, Fatimah Khan, 38, said she was devastated by the atrocity.

In apparent response to public opinion after the attack, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif announced he had lifted a moratorium on the death penalty.

REUTERS

## Quoted

"I don't have words for my pain and anger. ... They slaughtered those children like animals." Khan

## School massacre

### Pakistan seeks help from Afghans

Pakistan's army chief and the head of its main intelligence agency flew to neighboring Afghanistan on Wednesday to seek help in battling the militants behind this week's school massacre in Pakistan in which 148 people were killed.

"The time has arrived for Afghanistan and Pakistan to act together against terrorism and extremism with honesty and effectiveness," Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said in a statement. Pakistan said it had shared intelligence with Ghani. REUTERS

## Greece. PM Samaras falls short in first round presidential vote

Greek lawmakers failed to elect a new president in a first round of voting on Wednesday, leaving Prime Minister Antonis Samaras still looking for as many as 20 votes from independents and small parties to keep his coalition government in office.

With two more rounds still to come, a win for the government had not been expected on Wednesday but the result was at the lower end of expectations,



Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras / REUTERS

just meeting the minimum threshold officials had seen as satisfactory before the vote.

Of the 300 members of

parliament, 160 voted in favor of the government's candidate Stavros Dimas with 135 against and five absent, short of the 200-vote supermajority needed to elect a president in the first round.

Greek media had speculated the government could win between 161 and 167 votes but only five deputies crossed the floor to vote with the 155 members of the ruling coalition. REUTERS

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# US plans to normalize relations with Cuba

**Fidel Castro.** Cuba and the U.S. have been ideological foes since soon after the 1959 revolution.

The United States will restore diplomatic relations it severed with Cuba more than 50 years ago, a major policy shift ending decades of hostile ties with the communist-ruled island, President Barack Obama said on Wednesday.

Announcing the end of what he called a "rigid" policy of isolation of Cuba that had been ineffective, Obama said the United



President Barack Obama greets Cuban President Raul Castro at the memorial service for Nelson Mandela. / REUTERS

States would move toward normal ties and would open an embassy in Cuba.

Obama discussed the changes with Cuban President Raul Castro on Tuesday in a nearly hour-long telephone call. Castro spoke in Cuba as Obama made his announcement on a policy shift made possible by the release of American Alan Gross, 65, who had been imprisoned in Cuba for five years.

Obama said Pope Francis, the first Latin American pontiff, had played an active role in pressing for Gross's release. A sizable part of Cuba's population is Roman Catholic. The Vatican worked closely with both sides and hosted in-person meetings

of U.S. officials, senior Obama administration officials said.

Cuba is also releasing an intelligence agent who spied for the United States and was held for nearly 20 years, and the United States in return freed three Cuban intelligence agents held in the U.S.

Gross's case had been a block to any movement by Washington toward improved ties. Obama said Pope Francis had played an active role in pressing for his release. Francis congratulated both countries on their forging of diplomatic ties.

The policy shift will mean a relaxation in some aspects of commerce and transporta-

## How Obama will relax US Cuba policy

Here are some of the key changes:

- The U.S. will open an embassy in Havana.
- During the next six months, Secretary of State John Kerry will review Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism.
- U.S. officials will hold high-level talks with Cuban counterparts on issues like migration, narcotics, environmental protections and human trafficking.
- U.S. officials will discuss maritime boundaries with Cuba and Mexico in the Gulf of Mexico.
- More Americans will be allowed to travel to Cuba.
- The overall travel ban can only be lifted by Congress, so tourism will not be allowed.
- Travel licenses will be available for family visits, journalists, professional research and professional meetings, educational activities, religious activities, performances and athletic competitions, humanitarian projects and certain export activities.

## Marco Rubio

### Senator pledges to block efforts

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio said on Wednesday he would "make every effort" to block moves by President Obama toward normalizing relations with the Cuban government.

"The president's decision to reward the Castro regime and begin the

path toward the normalization of relations with Cuba is inexplicable," Rubio said in a statement.

The Florida Republican senator, who is Cuban-American, said he would use his role as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Western Hemisphere subcommittee in the new Congress to try to block the plan. **REUTERS**



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Anti-Castro activists Osvaldo Hernandez, left, and Miguel Saavedra protest in Little Havana in Miami. / REUTERS

tion between the United States and Cuba, but it does not mean an end to the long-standing trade embargo, which needs congressional approval that Obama may face a struggle getting.

And while travel restrictions that currently make it hard for most Americans to visit will be eased, the door will not yet be open for broad U.S. tourism on the Caribbean island.

Cuba and the United States have not had diplomatic relations since 1961 and the U.S. has maintained its trade embargo on the island, 90 miles south of Florida, for more than 50 years. Obama said he would ask Congress to lift the em-

bargo.

Obama will likely face resistance on this.

Although a growing number of U.S. lawmakers favor more normal ties with Cuba, those lawmakers are still mostly Democrats, and after big midterm election gains in November, Republicans will control both houses of Congress in the new year.

News of the changes rippled fast through the 1.5 million-strong Cuban American community in the United States, hailed by some who are keen to see closer ties with the island and condemned by others who have opposed any warming while either of the Castro brothers is in power. **REUTERS**

#### On Twitter

"Excited to see if change in U.S. policy will help us learn more about the many refugees who went to/through Cuba pre-WWII. @HolocaustMuseum"

@rebeccaarchivist

"If you're the President of the United States, you don't get to name drop very often, so it's gotta be fun to mention talking to the Pope"

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People watch television footage showing Cuba's president, Raul Castro, speaking during a state television broadcast in a private restaurant in Havana, Cuba. / REUTERS

#### Timeline

Here are some key events:

- **Jan. 1, 1959:** U.S.-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista flees Cuba as Fidel Castro and his revolutionaries seize control.
- **Jan. 3, 1961:** The U.S. breaks off diplomatic relations with Cuba after the nationalization of U.S.-owned properties.
- **April 16, 1961:** Castro declares his revolution to be socialist. The next day, CIA-backed Cuban exiles try to invade Cuba at the Bay of Pigs, but are defeated.
- **Feb. 7, 1962:** The U.S. imposes a complete commercial embargo against Cuba that remains in place.
- **Oct. 1962:** The U.S. discovers Soviet nuclear missiles on Cuba, leading to a showdown with the Soviet Union that almost leads to war. The confrontation ends with the Russians removing the missiles and the U.S. agreeing never to invade Cuba, and pulling its missiles from Turkey.
- **April-Oct. 1980:** Cuba allows 125,000 people to travel to the U.S. from the port of Mariel in what becomes known as the Mariel Boatlift.
- **Dec. 1991:** The Soviet Union, Cuba's biggest benefactor, collapses, touching off an economic crisis from which the island has not fully recovered.
- **July 31, 2006:** Fidel Castro provisionally turns over power to his brother, Raul Castro, after undergoing emergency surgery.
- **Feb. 24, 2008:** The National Assembly elects Raul Castro to formally replace the ailing Fidel.
- **Dec. 2009:** Cuba arrests Alan Gross. It later convicts the U.S. Agency for International Development subcontractor to 15 years in prison after accusing him of importing banned technology and trying to establish a clandestine Internet service for Cuban Jews.
- **Dec. 17, 2014:** Gross is released in exchange for three Cuban intelligence agents held in America. **REUTERS**

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### Twitter feed

Today, Tom Arnold is talking "The Interview," Chloe Grace Moretz is home, Jason Alexander is feeling nostalgic and Larry King is filled with regret.

@TomArnold: Definitely going 2 theatre 2 see The Interview. Taking ex-wives. Asked them to get there early and hold me a seat incase I'm running behind.

@ChloeGMoretz: Home home home

@JasonAlexander: actually got into a discussion tonight on which was better - Quisp or Quake. Anyone remember? Anyone care? Anyone vote?

@kingthings: I've never been in a kayak.

## Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel scooped on their own baby announcement

There's at least one member of \*NSYNC who might be dropped from Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel's Christmas

card list, as Joey Fatone went and announced the couple's pregnancy before they could. "He told me a while ago, and I kept my mouth shut, but I can talk about it now," Fatone tells InTouch. I'm just guessing here, Joey, but I'm pretty sure when Justin said you can talk about it now he didn't mean to a tabloid. Your baby shower gift better be pretty spectacular, is all I'm saying. Fatone, by the way, is super-stoked



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### Daily video

## 'Christmas (Baby Please Come Home),' year 28

With David Letterman wrapping up his "Late Show" run, he's also saying goodbye to a 28-year holiday tradition of having Darlene Love perform "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)" on his last show before Christmas. To honor the tradition — and, let's face it, one of the best Christmas



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songs of all time — the Letterman team has put together a super-cut of Love performing on the show over the years. Love has announced that, out of respect, she'll no longer perform the song on TV after Letterman retires, so enjoy it while you can.

for the couple. "Jessica is awesome, and Justin is a kid at heart," he says Yeah, about that. A less identifiable source tells the National Enquirer that Biel is a bit concerned Timberlake isn't quite ready for all this parenting stuff. "They've spent little time together during Jessica's pregnancy" because of Timberlake's ongoing concert tour, the source says. "Justin pretends he doesn't have a care, but you can see how antsy he is. He knows it won't be long before his life changes. Now she's concerned it might be more than Justin can handle." But whatever happens, we can rest assured that Fatone will let us know about it first.

## Magazine offers video proof of Britney's abs



Britney Spears's new Women's Health magazine cover was met nearly immediately by speculation that she'd benefited from a bit of digital enhancement from the Photoshop department. So the magazine put out a video from behind the scenes of the shoot, hoping to put such talk to rest. And honestly, the woman's been doing a regular Vegas show for a while, so why are we skeptical of her abs being, as the magazine cover exclaims, "insane"? Yours would be too with that work schedule.

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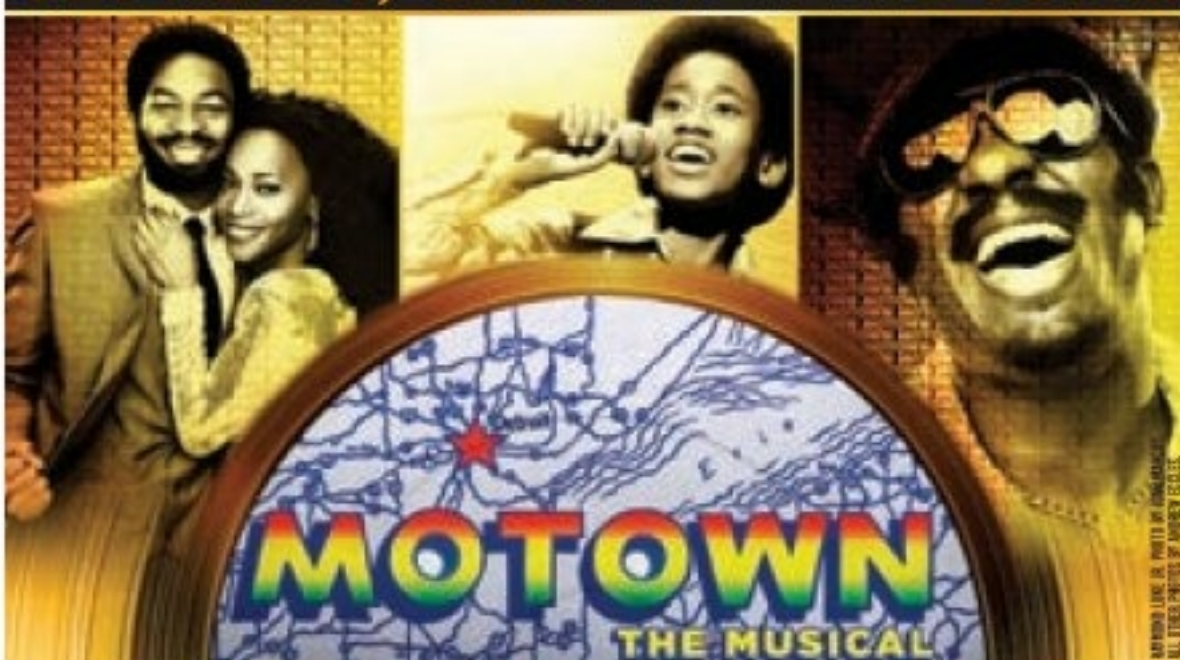
## Wreath Witherspoon is now a thing, thanks to Mindy Kaling

Mindy Kaling has launched a new holiday tradition with the introduction of the "Wreath Witherspoon" on "The Mindy Project" last week. And now the crafty home decoration — a traditional Christmas wreath adorned with photos of Oscar-winning actress Reese Witherspoon — has been given the seal of approval by Witherspoon herself. Witherspoon reposted Kaling's Instagram of various fan interpretations of the gag exclaiming, "Love it!" Maybe she'll even be making one herself this year.



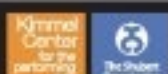
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# Actors: Who broke through in 2014

Every year brings a new batch of people who make sure we'll be looking for them in the future. This year saw people surprising us on unexpectedly great shows, a woman in a twist on the Jane Austen movie and even a little girl.



CHRIS LARGE, FX

## Allison Tolman

"Fargo" was a show that shouldn't have worked — rehashing a great film for cable television — but it did, spectacularly. And one of the biggest reasons it worked so well was Allison Tolman's performance as incredibly pregnant and nice-to-a-fault Minnesota police deputy Molly Solverson. In a series stuffed

with characters conniving (Martin Freeman's Lester Nygaard) and sociopathic (Billy Bob Thornton's Lorne Malvo), Tolman provided the much-needed human center, and did it with quiet aplomb. It's a shame the second season is jumping back to focus on her character's parents.

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DANNY FELD, THE CW

## Gina Rodriguez

We didn't have high hopes for "Jane the Virgin" when we heard the setup: A young woman is accidentally inseminated through a hospital mix-up, but the twist on top of that twist? She's a virgin. Little did we know that wouldn't be the least crazy thing on the show, but lead Gina Rodriguez handles the madness with poise, making Jane funny, relatable and very grounded.

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## Mackenzie Foy

Working amongst a star-studded cast filled with Oscar winners and nominees must be at least a little intimidating for a young actress, but there was no hint of that in Mackenzie Foy's memorable turn in Christopher Nolan's "Interstellar." Playing Murph, the 10-year-old daughter of Matthew McConaughey's reluctant astronaut Cooper, Foy turns in a poignant performance as a fiercely loyal child who knows she's unlikely to see her father again.

LAKSHMI GANDHI

## Alfred Enoch

While Viola Davis has rightly garnered praise for her lead work on "How to Get Away with Murder," both viewers and critics also started taking notice of Alfred Enoch. The British actor plays Wes Gibbons — a student who was unexpectedly chosen off of the wait-list and finds himself embroiled in a plot to conceal a murder. "Harry Potter" fans may remember a much-younger (and much more innocent) Enoch from his role as Hogwarts student Dean Thomas in the blockbuster film versions.

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## Gugu Mbatha-Raw

Before the Jane Austen movie subversion "Belle," this British actress had done some "Doctor Who" and a Tom Hanks movie ("Larry Crowne") no one saw. But it was her quivering yet resilient turn as a mixed-race aristocrat that made her one of the next best things. It's a shame few bothered with the melodrama "Beyond the Lights": she's even better as a self-destructing Beyoncé type with purple hair. But that's why God created streaming.

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#### TV watch list

**DRAMA**

**'Elementary'**

Holmes and Watson join up with the police to hunt down someone who's killed a cop, and Holmes tries to figure out who has been sharing things he said at sobriety meetings. **10 P.M., CBS**

Joan Watson is on the case. The case, in this instance, appears to be an ominous green circle of light that Joan seeks to defeat with her own flashlight. / CBS

#### COMEDY

##### 'The McCarthys'

The family partakes in their annual tradition — the Red Sox Swap. See, they're in Boston, so they won't do a Yankee swap. The rules are slightly different, though: You win big less often, but more recently. **9:30 P.M., CBS**

#### AWARDS

##### The People Magazine Awards

This is a new awards show, run by the celeb mag and hosted by Nick Cannon. They're going to honor such things as comedy star and hero of the year. Jennifer Aniston and Lopez will be there. **9 P.M., NBC**

#### TALK SHOWS

##### 'Jimmy Kimmel Live'

Christine Baranski is Jimmy's guest for the night, and Jenny Lewis is his musical performer. Think she'll break out the fake beard she wore in her music video? **11:35 P.M., ABC**  
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# What happens to Kris Kringle after X-mas

**Interview.** The director of the documentary "I Am Santa Claus" talks about delving into an odd world.

It took Tommy Avallone awhile to realize Santa Claus wasn't real. "I tend to believe things longer than most," he tells us while promoting "I Am Santa Claus," a new documentary about Santas — which is to say the people who pretend to be him in malls.

The film, which had a brief theatrical run in November and is now streaming on Netflix Instant, trails a group of bearded, not always jolly men from across the country for the whole year, revealing a tight-knit world few probably knew existed — one of conventions and "fraternal orders." It boasts a broad diversity of characters, from one who's very religious to another who's active in the gay bear community.

"You wonder: What life do these guys have on the 26th?" Avallone says. Most face some level of economic hardships; some live off Social Security, while others hold down other jobs and professions.

"I Am Santa Claus" is bouncy and funny, but it can be melancholic and depressing. Avallone made sure to shift to a more serious tone at times. "It was just like, 'Let's slow Christ-



The documentary "I Am Santa Claus," now on Netflix Instant, shows what mall Kris Kringles do year-round. / ALL PHOTOS BY VIRGIL FILMS ENTERTAINMENT

mas down and make these happy, jolly songs kind of depressing," he says. "At the same time we wanted to bring humor, like showing Santa getting drunk."

It was a new subject for Avallone in other ways. "I'm not really a Christmas fanatic. I've always thought the holiday was kind of stressful. I was a Halloween or Thanksgiving guy," he says. But he warmed to it. "To see someone go through it for the first time, of being Santa and having a kid on his lap, really making that kid happy, made me get it. I understand why people are so into this holiday. It's still not my favorite holiday."



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## Beyond the mat

### The wrestler

One of the more upbeat surprises was gaining the involvement of wrestler Mick Foley, who it turns out is a giant Christmas fanatic and whose house includes a Christmas room. In addition to becoming a producer, Foley even became, for the film, a Santa himself.

"At first it was weird. But you slowly saw him getting into it. He got the suit, he took a class, and once that first kid was on his lap he was just sold," Avallone remembers. "He was calling me every day. If he was nearby he'd say, 'Cool if I come over and we'll edit all night?' He was interested in getting the best story possible."



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"When advanced technology enables consumers to just plug in a simple device to get free TV, consumers are the winners," said David Martin, Senior Analyst at CompTek, the company that makes the sleek little micro antenna device that works on virtually any TV.

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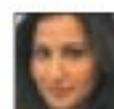
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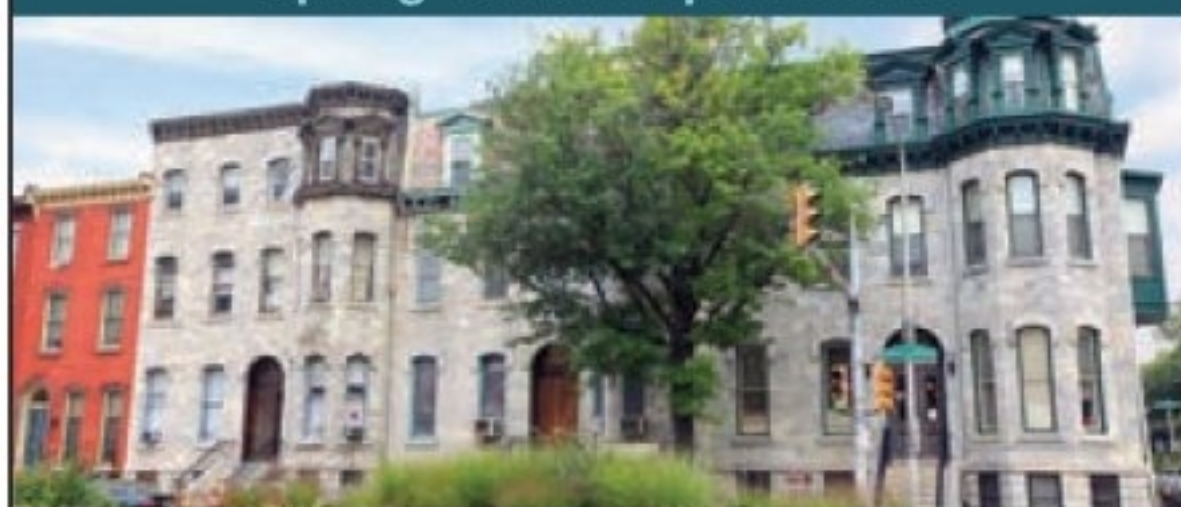


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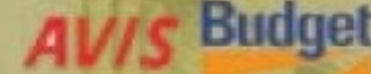
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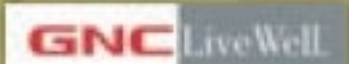
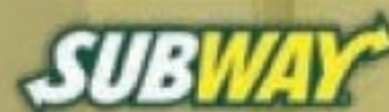
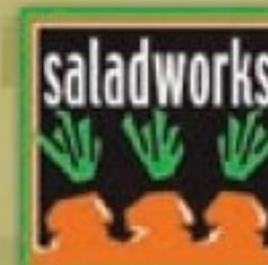
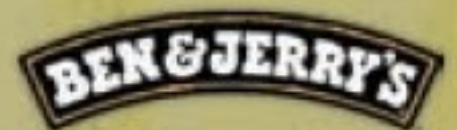
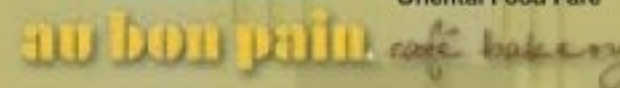
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# End the cycle of forgettable dates

**Being real.** Dating coach Laurel House says singles shouldn't be afraid to be vulnerable.

Laurel House knows how difficult it is to talk about being unlucky in love. But that hasn't stopped the dating coach from often talking about her own romantic missteps.

"In my coaching, I often use myself as an example," House says. "I understand what you are going through ... I've probably been there myself."

One mistake House says she sees many singles make is being too timid and general on dates, meaning that they never allow their potential romantic interests to see

their true personalities. "I call it 'getting raw.' If you look at the risk and reward [on a date], you have to get raw," says House. "The reward is that you can take a conversation that's benign and turn it into something special."

We asked House — the author of the new book "Screwing the Rules: The No-Games Guide to Love" — to break down what "getting raw" means.

## Ask lots of questions

And she doesn't mean the typical first date questions about your job or how many siblings you have — those can feel too much like a job interview. "Ask questions that are going to spark something real," advises House. "Be yourself. At the very least, you

aren't going to be bored."

House recommends asking your date about their families and childhoods, but using those questions as a springboard into a conversation about values. "You can say something like, 'Are you close with your family?'" she suggests. "And then you can say something like 'I have a close relationship with my family too ... Five years ago my mom had an accident and what's interesting is that since then we've been closer.'"

## Figure out the message you want to send

While coaching clients, House always recommends having three stories in mind that show who you really are, so pick wisely.



A first date shouldn't feel like a job interview. / PHOTODISC

"People connect through storytelling," House explains. "That's how we relate. So ask, 'Do I want to walk away after having a forgettable conversation or do I want something real?'"

Some readers are probably thinking that's easier said than done. If you're wondering how you can do that on a date, House suggests the following: "You have to put yourself out there," she says. "Sit yourself down and ask, 'What are my needs? Why am I here?'"

## Treat dates like special events

"We go into auto-pilot [on dates] because we don't change the tone in our minds before the date," she says. "If it's just switching out your jacket or changing your jewelry or wearing red panties that only you can see, you can go in thinking, 'I'm being myself.'"



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Have you had a string of terrible online dates?

"There are things that are avoidable," she says. "I tell people to 'prequalify' their online dates by closely looking at their profiles. If you don't even know if you want to be

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### Locally sourced.

The new Kensington Quarters is part restaurant, part butcher shop.

Ever-advancing chef Damon Menapace learned the ropes at acclaimed chef Marc Vetri's hot spots, including pig-centric Alla Spina on North Broad and its neighbor, Italian joint Osteria. Now he's the executive chef at the new Kensington Quarters, which is a restaurant, bar, butcher shop and classroom all rolled into one. KQ is part of the 13th Street Kitchens family, which also runs Bufad Pizza, Prohibition Taproom and Cafe Lift. We spoke with Menapace about the innovative setup at 1310 Frankford Ave.

**For those who may not know, what is Kensington Quarters and how does it**

### operate?

Mainly it's a butcher and restaurant that brings in whole, locally sourced animals to use.

### Has it been well-received so far?

Absolutely. We took a lot of time opening and making sure that every little aspect was addressed. We wanted to pay attention to the details before we opened. So I think we came out of the gate pretty strong: Strong service, strong food, strong knowledge.

### What is the collaboration like between you and Kensington Quarters' butcher Bryan Mayer?

Before we opened we sat down and I had a rough menu. We figured out what we could handle every week. He's dealing with whole animals, so there's only so much to go around. We're much more flexible now that we're [open]. At the end



Damon Menapace is the executive chef at Kensington Quarters.  
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### Why do you think that Fishtown is a good fit for this place?

I don't want to make a generalization of the neighborhood. There are a lot of hard-working people up here who enjoy quality products. It's not a show here. We're not reaching for that Center City, super high-end crowd. We're being very honest and real about all of it. This neighborhood — and other neighborhoods — can really appreciate that.

of the night I'll go to the butcher and see what we're doing tomorrow. I'll get a big bucket and go shopping — it's kind of a dream for a chef.

**How did you end up at**

### Kensington Quarters?

When I worked at Osteria, we would frequent Prohibition Taproom. That's how I got to know [Kensington Quarters owner] Mike [Pasquarello] a little. When I left the Vetri com-

pany, Mike and I got to talking. Shortly after, we sat down with Bryan and started making plans.

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[www.unsilentnight.com](http://www.unsilentnight.com)  
Bring a boom box or some other portable CD or mp3-playing device to this participatory sound sculpture, orchestrated by Phil Kline, and be a part of the art. Each participant will receive or have already downloaded one of four parts of Kline's piece. Then everyone hits "play" at the same time, and epicness results.

## The Big Bang Project

Thursday and Friday  
Crane Arts  
1400 N. American St.  
Free, 215-232-3203  
[www.cranearts.com](http://www.cranearts.com)  
Artist Ezra Masch created this installation, which uses a computer intermediary to convert sound from a drum set into light displayed on a grid of fluorescent lamps. He calls this audio-visual instrument a "light organ." We wouldn't recommend it if your brain has trouble with a lot of flashing lights, but for everyone else, it'll be pretty mind-blowing.

## MUSIC

## Mando Mirth

Sunday, 3 p.m.  
Ethical Society Building  
1906 Rittenhouse Square  
\$15-\$20, 800-838-3006  
[www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)  
Munier Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra performs this holiday concert with a special guest singer, soprano Ana Maria Diaz. The 20-member ensemble features three varieties of mandolin: the standard mandolin, the slightly larger, deeper-toned mandola and the big, low-toned mandocello. Together they have a lovely, twinkly sound, putting a plucked folksy spin on the classical string repertoire.

## A Night for Jack Rose

Friday, 8 p.m.



## DANCE

## 1.1 Holiday Revue Special

Through January  
Junk Studios  
2040 Christian St.  
\$18-\$25, 267-269-6945  
[www.junk.ticketleap.com](http://www.junk.ticketleap.com)  
This show looks back at 20 years of Junk, the wildly inventive, acrobatic dance company led by Brian Sanders, with numbers from their children's show "Skink" and several pieces from their FringeArts Festival shows, plus previews looking ahead to new work. They're called Junk because of Sanders' use of found objects, but their gutsy talent is anything but.

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## MOVIES

## 'The Apartment'

Friday and Saturday  
Roxy Theater  
2023 Sansom St.  
\$7-\$8, 267-239-2941  
[www.filmadelphia.org](http://www.filmadelphia.org)  
This 1960 Billy Wilder film, starring Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine, takes place in a philandering world that'll be very familiar to "Mad Men" fans. Lemmon plays a corporate schlep who loans out his apartment for his bosses' affairs in the hopes of winning a promotion. It's all going fine until he discovers one of the affairs involves his crush, Fran.

## SHOPPING

## Craft and Disorder Holiday Artisan Show

Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.  
Eris Temple Arts  
5209 Walton Ave.  
Free, 610-453-4556  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)  
This West Philly craft fair, held at an arts collective, looks like it'll feature a somewhat more "alternative" aesthetic than the average craft fair. Its vendors will be offering clothes, jewelry and various objet d'art. There will also be live music and vegetarian food from Black Orchid Foods.

## COMEDY

## 'Holidays on Ice'

Through Sunday  
Society Hill Playhouse  
507 S. 8th St.  
\$20, 215-923-0210  
[www.societyhillplayhouse.org](http://www.societyhillplayhouse.org)  
Actors Michelle Pauls and Paul Zielinski will perform David Sedaris monologues about the holiday season, full of the writer's signature savage wit and eye for the absurd. Christmas has been a rich source of inspiration for Sedaris, from his breakthrough piece "The Santaland Diaries" to his bewildered description of Dutch traditions in "Six to Eight Black Men."

MATTHEW DINARO

## THEATER

## 'Beauty and the Beast'

Through Feb. 1  
Arden Theatre Company  
40 N. Second St.  
\$31-\$36, 215-922-1122  
[www.ardentheatre.org](http://www.ardentheatre.org)  
Those familiar with Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" will find this version by Charles Way quite different. The setting is England instead of France, and Belle has a sister, Cassandra, and it's Cassandra who's the free spirit, while Belle is more timid, but possesses the gift of clairvoyance. But there's still a Beastly prince whose curse can only be broken by love.

ARDEN THEATRE COMPANY

## DANCE

## 'Nutcracker'

Friday through Sunday  
Adrienne Theater  
2030 Sansom St.  
\$20, 800-838-3006  
[www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)  
Do not take your kids to this burlesque "Nutcracker," presented by the Cabaret Administration — it's for adults only. With a plot revolving around two sisters, one shy and one extroverted, the surreal production promises, according to the troupe, "both terrifying and erotic moments, impressive ballerinas and lavish sensual costumes." Strange toys are also hinted at, but we'll leave that to your imagination.



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## Horoscope

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** You will be inspired by an unlikely source. If you spend time helping less fortunate people, you are likely to find a kindred spirit.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.** Imagine yourself in a more fulfilling career. Once you have narrowed down your options, it will be easy to determine what you need to do.

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.** Don't believe everything you hear. Someone will lead you astray. If you overreact, you risk being put at a disadvantage.

**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.** You can make valuable contributions without spending too much. Donate your time to local programs that assist people in need.

**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.** Go over personal paperwork in detail. Update your financial records and put all of your receipts and bills in order.

**♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.** Cash will slip through your fingers if you donate to an unfamiliar group. Keep a close eye on your money and keep unnecessary expenditures to a minimum.

**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Don't let your heart rule your head. Listen to advice. If you are infatuated with someone unsuitable, regret will follow.

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.** You will get terrific results when shopping for someone special. If you pick up the pace, you will accomplish more than anticipated.

**♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** The situation on the home front will be critical. Getting out of the house and enjoying time with a friend who makes you laugh will do you good. Don't overspend.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Family tension will run high. The more you are able to achieve, the less time you will have to complain or get into an argument.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Put your talents to good use. Rather than deal with work, get together with friends, go on a trip or visit an out-of-town relative.

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** Don't dwell on the past. No matter how emotional you feel, remember the new year represents a new beginning. Leave disappointment behind. **EUGENIA LAST**

## Sudoku: Easy and hard

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**How to play**  
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Crossword

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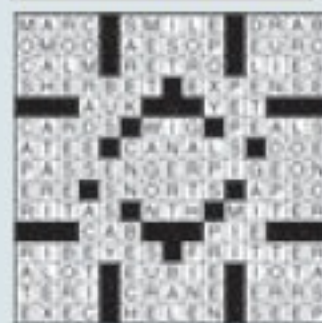
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- 14 Claw badly
- 15 Boxer — Griffith
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- 18 Quart, plus
- 19 Poet's "always"
- 20 Binocular owner
- 22 Without hesitation
- 24 Charges
- 25 Switch positions
- 26 Gourmet's interest
- 28 Hebrew T
- 31 Basilica areas
- 34 Meditation guide
- 35 — Raton, Fla.
- 36 Duffel filler
- 37 Roll with a hole
- 38 Magna Carta signer
- 39 Milady's
- 40 "Daily Planet" name
- 41 Portends
- 42 Rainbow shape
- 43 Sect
- 44 Bump hard
- 45 Memorable tennis champ
- 47 — mechanics
- 51 Flowers with spurs

## Down

- 55 Tpk.
- 56 "Crocodile Rock" artist
- 57 Hula- —
- 58 Whodunit suspect
- 59 Smug expression
- 60 — up (pay)
- 61 Bull or boar
- 62 In poor taste
- 63 Former ruler
- 64 Shelley offering
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- 2 Ne plus —
- 3 NFL events
- 4 Computer notes
- 5 Dawdle
- 6 — lang syne
- 7 Like molasses
- 8 Bombarded
- 9 Oblong vestment
- 10 Weathered
- 11 Gen. Robert —
- 12 Earl — Biggers
- 13 Gardener, often
- 20 Flour holders
- 21 Run — of (cross)
- 23 Active ones
- 26 Tempus —
- 27 Galena and bauxite
- 29 Aspirin target
- 30 FedEx trucks

- 31 Ottoman title
- 32 Equal
- 33 Cutting
- 34 Liverpool poky
- 35 Netman Borg
- 37 Sunnier
- 41 Meadow plains
- 43 Thickset
- 44 Kind of cable
- 46 Marabou
- 47 Salesperson's goal
- 48 Tire feature
- 49 Good for something
- 50 Just
- 51 Cozy dwelling
- 52 Diva — Gluck
- 53 One of those things
- 54 Solar wind components
- 58 RN employer

## Yesterday's answer



## Letters

## What if they were your kids?

There are still people who feel that the Brown shooting was self-defense. Such people may even feel that Rodney King's brutal beating and the killing of Amadou Diallo were justified. The young man in the Brown shooting was UNARMED — not a knife-wielding, gun-toting, muscle-bound hulk. I thought that the police were only supposed to use their firearms as a last resort or when there is no other way to stop an individual from causing deadly harm to the officer or to another person, particularly with a weapon. Basically, an individual's defense is supposed to be comparable to the degree of harm he or she is confronted

with. Those who feel that unarmed minorities cannot be subdued without killing them have social, psychological or other issues. If they, their children or their parents were the unarmed suspects being choked, beat with batons or shot dead, would they feel that officers should resort to other methods rather than deadly force? I'm sure they would then agree that deadly force should be a last resort, not a first response. And if we don't know how to deal with violence and sexual assaults on our own streets and in our own military, how can we address the violence going on in other countries?

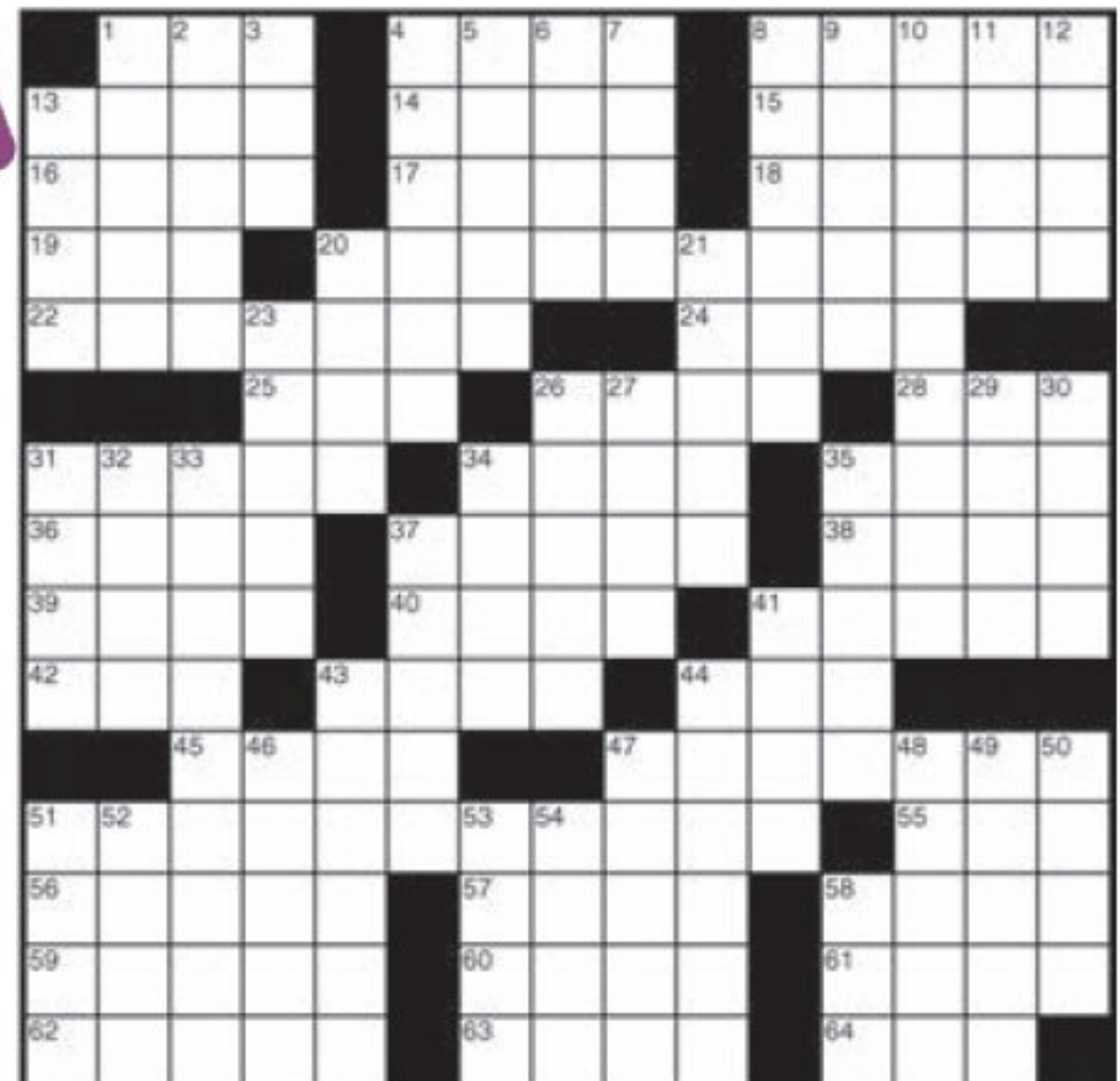
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## Road not taken



THE EAGLES' SECONDARY COULD HAVE USED ROBY. GETTY IMAGES

Here's a look at some of the first-rounders the Eagles passed on and how they're performing this season.

- **Deone Bucannon, Cardinals:** The best defensive back on the board when the Birds took Smith, the 27th overall pick has 72 tackles in 14 games.
- **Kelvin Benjamin, Panthers:** Benjamin went 28th overall and has starred for Carolina, catching 67 passes for 952 yards and nine touchdowns.
- **Bradley Roby, Broncos:** Roby has been a key part of Denver's secondary and could have been an asset in Philly. He has 60 tackles, a sack, two forced fumbles and 11 passes defended.

# Is the Eagles 2014 draft class a bust?

**NFL.** Aside from Jordan Matthews, the Eagles haul of rookies have been a disappointment.

The Eagles' decision to draft linebacker Marcus Smith in the first round of this year's NFL draft was a questionable move the night it happened.

Philly moved back from No. 22 to No. 26 (via a trade with Cleveland that would net them Johnny Manziel) and selected the raw talent from Louisville.

Now it's many months later, and the 26th overall pick has yet to record an NFL tackle. He hasn't really settled into a position on the field and the coaching staff has not trusted him to enter the game despite a



Matthews has played like a first-rounder, Smith hasn't. / GETTY IMAGES

multitude of injuries in the Eagles' linebacking core.

"Out of necessity we had to move him and that does not benefit him and his progress," defensive coordinator Bill Davis said. "So we set him back by moving him inside, but we

needed that because of all the injuries we had inside."

Though Davis and Chip Kelly do have high hopes for the future with regard to Smith, it is typically expected that a first round pick will contribute right off the bat, and

Smith has not.

"Right now as you judge Marcus," Davis said, "you have to slow down the judgment a little bit and say, 'We moved him, so where is his understanding? Let's see how good he can be at this.'"

Aside from second round wideout Jordan Matthews, who is one of the top rookie pass-catchers in the league, the rest of the Birds' draft class is looking just as grim as Smith.

Josh Huff, who can be a spark on special teams, has several costly turnovers this year. Another third rounder, Jaylen Watkins, rarely takes the field, while fifth rounders Taylor Hart and Ed Reynolds aren't even on the roster.



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## SPORTS

### Fallen Bird

## Cole to sit out game Sunday

Eagles coach Chip Kelly announced Wednesday that defensive end Trent Cole will not play against Washington Saturday as he recovers from hand surgery. It is just the fourth game that Cole has missed due to injury in 10 NFL seasons and the first since 2011.



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# Flyers defense is too slow

**NHL.** The Flyers keep finding themselves burned by faster teams at the blue line.

The Flyers have a speed problem — as in a lack thereof. The deficiency, especially on defense, is by no means a secret but it is magnified whenever they battle a team with superior quickness.

Take, for example, Tuesday's 3-1 loss to Tampa Bay.

Overloaded with skaters that can fly up and down and across the ice, the Bolts created prime scoring opportunities while limiting the Flyers from breaking out of their own zone.

Despite facing a team that was playing its third game in four days and second in as many nights, the Flyers were the ones who looked a half-step too slow and zapped of energy.

"They're a good team," Flyers captain Claude Giroux said. "They're in the standing because they're a fast team. They play as a team and make a lot of



The Flyers have the second-worst penalty kill in the entire NHL. / GETTY IMAGES

good plays."

It was the sixth straight time the Lightning, who trailed only the Penguins for most points in the Eastern Conference heading into Wednesday's action, have defeated the Flyers. One of the main culprits

in each of those losses was the Flyers' inability to keep pace with the Lightning.

The same issue arises each time they play the Rangers, who have owned the Flyers. New York, which is also probably a bit inside the Flyers' heads, takes ad-

vantage of its speed.

It's also what the Islanders and Canadiens and most of the teams in the Western Conference have done this season — and the last couple of years.

On Tuesday, it was just the latest trend.

The Flyers had trouble just getting out of their own end with the puck and starting offensive rushes up the ice against the Lightning. Tampa Bay swarmed the Flyers' puck-carriers and swallowed up what little ice was avail-

## Quoted

"Sometimes being on the road is what brings the team together. ... if you play smart and you are smart enough to find a way to win, you will."

Jakub Voracek on the Flyers' winning more away from home this year.

able, especially in the neutral zone.

"I have to give them credit, they play very well defensively," Jakub Voracek said. "It was tough to get in (the offensive zone), they play really good hockey ... We couldn't get in enough times to create something."

The Flyers managed just 24 shots, including 14 over the final 40 minutes, vs. goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy, making his first NHL start.

"They're always sound defensively," Wayne Simmonds said. "They have a lot of players on that team that can skate well."

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## NCAA Basketball. Villanova sixth man Hart a luxury coming off the bench for Wildcats

It wasn't long ago that Josh Hart was the leader of the band, the go-to guy at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. As a senior, he averaged 24.3 points and 13.4 rebounds at the same school attended by Sasha and Malia Obama.

But now he's just a part of Jay Wright's impressive ensemble at Villanova, which has been purring along quite nicely this season at 10-0. The 6-foot-5 Hart comes off the bench for the No. 7 ranked Wildcats, which admittedly has taken some adjustment.

That may change somewhere down the road, but for now he has no complaints.

"I really didn't know what to expect coming in," said the 19-year-old sophomore, averaging 10.1 and 5.7 boards in his role as sixth man. "Not starting is definitely a different feeling. But I'm embracing

## By the numbers

74

The Wildcats, ranked No. 7 nationally, have the 74th toughest schedule out of 351 teams. They only have two more ranked opponents on their schedule.

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Five Villanova players average more than nine points per game: Dylan Ennis, Darrun Hilliard, Josh Hart, Daniel Ochefu and JayVaughn Pinkston.

it. I'm coming in with energy, doing whatever I can to help the team. It's something I'm pretty comfortable with."

Wright, however, doesn't want Hart to get too comfortable, because once seniors Darrun Hilliard and JayVaughn Pinkston leave, the versatile Hart figures to become more of the focal point.

"He scored 35 points a game in high school, said Wright, exaggerating a bit. "We just haven't needed it. But there's gonna come a time where we're gonna need it from him.

You'll see it in the years to come. But now he's one of our best defensive players; an energy guy."

While he's determined to maintain his focus on the current team, hearing such glowing tributes from his coach can't help but make Josh look a bit ahead.

"That's great to hear, but I just lock into the moment," said Hart, who joined Hilliard as the first Wildcats to score 20 points in a game during their 85-62 romp over Temple Sunday. "I try to focus on what made me successful in high school. That's playing hard, not worrying

about touches, points or starting. I've grown to love being a spark off the bench. When I go in, coach expects me to pick the energy up. When he trusts you enough to put you in a game with a minute left up or down by two, you don't worry about not starting because you know he has your back."

Next up for the Wildcats is 6-3 Syracuse at their home away from home, the Wells Fargo Center, on Saturday.

"I think we can be a special team," said Hart, who's done a bit of everything; shooting 59 percent from the field, 40 percent from 3-point range, with 17 steals and 11 blocks.

"We do all the little things, but we realize we have a lot of work to do. We're not really close to where we should be."

Neither is Hart.

"I guess my role may be bigger," conceded Hart.



Villanova has been lifted by a deep bench this season. / GETTY IMAGES

"When it comes, I'm looking forward to it and will really embrace it on the offensive side. But I still want to stay grounded and stick to what's made me

successful."

Even though he's playing a different tune with this band, Josh Hart is helping make Villanova successful, too. **JON MARKS**



# IN 2014, WE LOST TRUST IN THESE FORMER STARS

If you've reached the promised land and are playing in the fantasy Super Bowl this weekend, congratulations are in order. If not, there's a good chance some players are now your enemy. As we begin to review what went wrong, it's important to understand why a player busted. Guys that got hurt or were set up to fail by teammates' ineptitude shouldn't be written off entirely. But guys that flopped for different reasons find themselves in the "never again" category.

## Over the Hill

Everyone knows to avoid running backs as they approach 30-years-old. In hindsight, we should have applied that thinking at the wideout spot as well. Larry Fitzgerald and Andre



Larry Fitzgerald has found the end zone just twice this season. / GETTY IMAGES

Johnson no longer threaten defenses deep, capping their upside as possession-type receivers, while youngsters Michael Floyd and DeAndre Hopkins go long. Brandon Marshall, Roddy White, Marques Colston and Reggie Wayne

are more examples of older receivers nearing the end of the line.

## Running in mud

The running back position is volatile because it's

replaceable. The fact that Montee Ball struggled badly yet Ronnie Hillman and C.J. Anderson excelled is a monster red flag. Bishop Sankey was among the most unimpressive rookies, lacking vision, explosion and pass-game chops.

Toby Gerhart, proving too slow to be effective, embarrassingly lost his job to college quarterback Denard Robinson. Doug Martin has been among worst running backs in the NFL the last two seasons in terms of both running and pass protection. I'm done with all these backs.

## Tip of the Kaep

Colin Kaepernick has the arm and the athletic ability. He's shown that's not enough. An overly conservative scheme that lacks creativity certainly hasn't helped, but Kaep consistently flops in plus spots. We can blame the receivers, the scheme and the NFC West defenses all we want, but enough is enough. Given the depth at the quarterback spot, there's just little reason to

## Pickups of the week

Grab them for Week 16:

- **Joseph Randle, RB, Cowboys:** If Demarco Murray (hand) ends up sitting, Randle could shred Indy.
- **Robert Griffin III, QB, Redskins:** The Eagles bleed fantasy points to opposing quarterbacks.

gamble on the position. Guys like Russell Wilson and Ben Roethlisberger were Round 10 picks this season.



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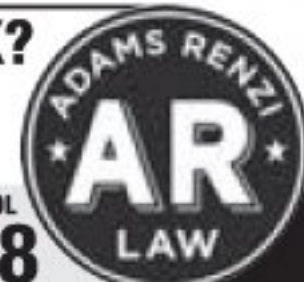
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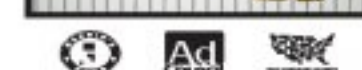
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